MR. WARKALA K. MADHAVAN: May I know whether the work will be completed in 1115.

MR. M. S. DORASWAMI AIYANGAR: Yes, if lands are acquired.

*Arrest of Messrs. John Philipose, A. Gangadhara Menon, etc., in Pettah Maidanam.*

171 *MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether it is a fact that in the month of Thulam 1115 Messrs. E. John Philipose, Ex-M. L. A., A. Gangadhara Menon, M. N. Parameswaran Pillai, B. A., B. L., and T. K. Narayana Pillai were arrested for addressing a State-Congress Meeting in Pettah Maidanam, near the Pettah Railway station;

(*b*) the reason for the arrest?

MR. M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR: (*a*) The answer is in the negative.

(*b*) They have been detained under the Defence of Travancore Rules.

*Co-operative Societies.*

172 *MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of co-operative societies keeping property registers recording the assets of the members; and

(*b*) the number of co-operative societies having 'loan utilisation enquiry committees' to enquire how the loans are utilised?

MR. M. RAMACHANDRA RAO: (*a*) 521.

(*b*) Nil.

MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR: May I know whether the maintenance of such registers is not conducive to the growth of the societies?

MR. M. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Certainly, it is.

MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR: May I know whether the maintenance of such registers is not enforced?

MR. M. RAMACHANDRA RAO: If the bye-laws of the society provide for the maintenance of such registers they have to be maintained and if they are not maintained, the matter will be enquired into.

MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR: Cannot the societies be asked to include it in their bye-laws?

MR. M. RAMACHANDRA RAO: They can be asked

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know from Government whether there is any provision in the present Co-operative Societies Regulation regarding societies having loan utilisation enquiry committees?

MR. M. RAMACHANDRA RAO: I claim notice.

*Export duty on molasses.*

173 *MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the export duty on molasses has been reduced recently;

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(*b*) by how much was it reduced; and

(*c*) the immediate cause for such a reduction?

**MR. P. G. NARAYANAN UNNITHAN**: (*a*) No.

(*b*) & (*c*) In view of the answer to part (*a*), these questions do not arise.

*Price of Salt.*

174 *MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR: Will the Government be pleased to state the latest price of salt, at Nagercoil, Trivandrum Adoor, Pathanamthitta, Quilon, Kottayam and Parur?

**MR. P. G. NARAYANAN UNNITHAN**: A *statement is appended.

*Graduate Teachers in the Education Department.*

175 *MR. S. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Quilon* cum *Kottarakara*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of graduate teachers recruited to the Education Department prior to the date of standardisation who did not get the benefits of the pre-standardisation scale of pay;

(*b*) the number of such teachers who held substantive posts and had put in an aggregate acting service in acting vacancies of one year on the date of the standardisation G. O.; and

(*c*) the number of such teachers without substantive posts and who had put in an aggregate acting service of three years before the date of the standardisation G. O.?

**MR. A. GOPALA MENON**: (*a*) 51

(*b*) 10.

(*c*) 9.

*Compulsory Primary education in the State.*

176 *MR. P. KUNJUKRISHNAN: Will the Government be pleased to state whether the Government have before them any scheme for the introduction of compulsory primary education in the State?

**MR. A. GOPALA MENON**: No.

**MR. P. KUNJUKRISHNAN**: May I know whether Government are aware that the introduction of compulsory primary education is very necessary?

**MR. A. GOPALA MENON**: Government are fully aware of it.

**MR. P. KUNJUKRISHNAN**: Then, may I know why no steps were taken in that direction?

**MR. A. GOPALA MENON**: The question was fully considered on a former occassion and the Government gave the House an assurance that a scheme leading to cent per cent literacy would be considered and adopted.

**MR. P. KUNJUKRISHNAN**: May I know whether Government have any scheme at present for effecting this?

**MR. A. GOPALA MENON**: Government are now pursuing a policy of expansion of primary and adult education.

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* *Vide* Appendix IX, page.

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